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important legislative and administrative questions and their opinions would be of help to Government in the solution of difficult and complicated problems in which public interests are at stake:

118. Members to be supplied with Government publications gratis.

(2) That the members of the Assembly might be supplied during the tenure of their office with the Gazette and all other Government publications *gratis*:

119. Allowing members to send communications free of charge.

(3) That the members might be allowed to transmit through the Anchal free of charge all communications on matters connected with the Assembly: and

120. Supervision of Girls' schools by Lady Inspectors.

(4) That the Girls' schools might be placed under the supervision of Inspectresses or Lady Superintendents.

In regard to the last representation, he observed that many sincerely believed that the atmosphere in the public schools was not particularly favourable to morals and decency and that home tuition was preferable to education in public schools. Further, many a school-mistress in far-off places removed from the healthy influences of home life was exposed to risks and sacrifices and the treatment accorded to them by their superiors bordered on discourtesy and rudeness. Another reason for making the request was, he said, that the curriculum of studies needed revision on new lines and a woman could do the work better. If these suggestions were carried out, he was sure that female education would become so popular and Girls' schools would increase in strength and efficiency to such an extent that the present Administration would be soon called upon to face the problem of "Women's suffrage".

Dewan's reply.—It is difficult to define the functions of the Assembly. However, the proposal will be considered.

The suggestion in respect of the Girls' schools is good. The subject is under the consideration of Government and we will endeavour to meet the wishes of the people in appointing Lady Inspectors.

121. Election of non-official members of the Legislative Council by the Popular Assembly.

Mr. T. Marthandan Tampi (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) requested that Government might be pleased to confer on the Popular Assembly the right to elect a fair proportion, at least one-half, of the non-official members of the Legislative Council. The grant of the privilege would lighten the labours of Government in selecting proper representatives and increase the usefulness of the Assembly.

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